

ORDINANCE NO. 14792

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 20 - 2010

INTRODUCED BY

APRIL 7, 2010

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2010 Water Fund budget by deleting the position of Arborist II (11M) and adding the position of Arborist I (09M).

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That page WF-15, be amended by deleting the position of Arborist II (11M), budgeted at Forty-three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-nine (\$43,849) Dollars and adding the position of Arborist I (09M), budgeted at Forty Thousand Three Hundred Forty-eight (\$40,348) Dollars.

SECTION TWO: That the difference of Three Thousand Five Hundred One (\$3,501) Dollars be added to the unappropriated balance of the Water Fund.

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy		
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on May 5th and signed by the Mayor on March 10th, 2010.



CITY CLERK

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Department of Parks & Recreation. This was initiated as a result of position cutbacks due to the 2009 layoffs and the need to restructure staff positions accordingly.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Department of Parks & Recreation has two Arborist positions that are understaffed. The first position is an Arborist I that was eliminated from the 2010 budget, the second position is an Arborist II that has been vacated through promotion. We are requesting that the Arborist II position be reclassified to an Arborist I position.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

Due to the diminished workforce, the reclassification from an Arborist II to an Arborist I would provide the ability to maintain one small tree crew to address the needs of the City regarding public safety. The bill would also maintain a consistent work crew level, as there will be one lead arborist (Arborist II) and two Arborists I to complete the crew.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The reclassification from an Arborist II (paygrade 11) to an Arborist I (paygrade 9) will result in savings for the City, thereby being a cost effective restructuring.

The benefit would be utilizing the current resources we have available, and also savings to previously allocated Water Shed funds (WF-15-002-08-2722-0001)

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Using existing funds, no additional funds needed.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

As soon as possible. Our crew currently consists of two persons, a third would be instrumental in providing a full tree crew to provide the best effort to insure public safety, as well as safety for the employees.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

Provides cost savings to the City, and is in the best interest of employee and public safety.

- **Committee Action**

- **Public Comments**

- **Body/Text of the Bill**

- **Exhibits**

- **Vote**